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Local & General

Mrs. S. J. Garrett was a visitor to the southern city on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Costella entertained a few friends to dinner last Thursday evening.

Remember the Valentine Dance sponsored by the Carbon Old Timers, to be held February 12th.

LAC Don Martin, who is stationed at Calgary, spent a few days last week at his home here.

LAC Cliff Cline, who is stationed at Calgary, spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. Lyanna, of Calgary, spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Fred McCrahen.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith, of Drumheller, were in town on Tuesday evening, when Mr. Smith attended Lodge.

Erni Kenneth Cairn, formerly a resident of Carbon, enlisted in the Canadian Active Army last week.

Mrs. I. W. Johnson, of Winnipeg, is visiting at the home of her sister-in-law, Mrs. S. N. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Sobyski left Tuesday for Edmonton, where they intend to spend a week with the latter's parents.

Samuel Thomas Goudie, formerly a resident of Carbon, enlisted in the Canadian Active Army on Tuesday of last week.

Mrs. Ken Walker, (nee Iris Laing) arrived from Glenwood on Monday and is at present staying with her uncle, Mr. R. R. Thorburn.

Padron us, please, b ut we would appreciate settlement of your subscription to the Chronicle; it is only two dollars. Be seeing you.

For Rent—Six-roomed House in good shape; has good well at back door. Apply John Reid (32p)

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rouleau, of Diduraw, were in Carbon Tuesday evening. Mrs. Rouleau called on friends, while Ed attended Lodge.

For Sale—Two-ton Ford Truck with 1000 cu. ft. box; also grain loader and power take-off. For particulars, write or see (23p) E. Laing, Cartairs

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ohlbauer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Buyer and Mrs. Ted Schmidt went to Calgary on Monday and arrived home early enough to do their Monday shopping. Not bad, eh? (C.d.)

Mr. G. Appleby pulled out Monday to spend 3 months at Victoria and other coastal points visiting his son, L.S.B.A. Jack, and all the old timers who left here years ago. We believe he'll be a busy man.

On the screen at the Scout Hall next week will be the picture "Bachelor Mother", with Ginger Rogers and David Niven. Never judge a girl by the baby in her arms. Come along next Thursday evening and find out why.

Although the temperature dropped to 12 below "up on the hill one night last week, and 15 below in town, it has again risen to a more comfortable degree. It does our hearts (and pocket books) good to see the snow slowly melting.

How was the ice-cream, Claude, and there any left?

On Monday, Messrs. R. Garrett and H. M. Isaacs left for the Alberta Farmers' Union Provincial Convention at Lethbridge, which takes place on January 23, 24 and 25. In view of the fact that the U.F.A. at their recent Convention again signified their wish to amalgamate with the U.F.U. and A.F.A. Convention will likely prove to be an extremely interesting meeting. More of this will be learned at their next meeting on the evening of the first Monday in February, when the delegates will make their reports.

The spinal column is a long bunch of bones. The head sits on top and you sit on the bottom.

Carbon Lodge Installs Officers

The following officers were installed and invested at Carbon Lodge No. 107 G.R.A. A.F. & A.M., on Tuesday evening, January 25.

E. J. Rausseau W.M.
O. Holvik I.P.M.
O. Schieke S.W.

Syd N. Wright J.W.
R. B. Hinckley Splain
W. A. Braisher Treasurer

W. A. Braisher Secretary
S. J. Cannings S.D.
John Cannings Jr. J.D.
George P. Ford D. of C.

W. F. Ross I.G.
C. T. Ross S.S.
C. A. Crossman J.S.
W. A. Braisher Registrar
W. A. Braisher Vice-Pres.

W. A. Braisher acted as installing Master and F. J. Bessant as Director of Ceremonies, assisted by Past Masters of Carbon Lodge

New Car Plates Out in March

The new motor license plates for the year which opens on April 1 will be available early in March, according to information which the Alberta Motor Association has received from the provincial government.

The province has placed an order for 95,000 steel plates which are to be delivered to the provincial authorities this month. Distribution to the license issuing centres will follow as soon as possible.

Branches of the A.M.A. in Edmonton, Calgary and Lethbridge will have a supply of license plates and plates for distribution and also will issue drivers' licenses. They also will issue the "AA" federal gasoline coupon books.

Stamps will be issued by the government to its various issuing offices in the province.

A single steel plate will be issued with the license. This plate is to be displayed on the rear end of the vehicle.

Advertising Pays!

HEINZ BABY FOOD The ideal Body Builder for Babies

STRAINED SPINACH
STRAINED GREEN BEANS
STRAINED MIXED GREENS
STRAINED VEGETABLE & LAMB
STRAINED TOMATO SOUP
STRAINED PEAS, ASPARAGUS
STRAINED PEACHES, APPLESAUCE,
PRUNES—APPLE, PRUNE & CUSTARD
DESSERT—
Also Nutrim Baby Cereal

BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS THE FARMERS' EXCHANGE RED & WHITE STORE

Buy War Savings Stamps!

EVERY QUARTER COUNTS

Please bring an extra quarter or two for the War Savings Stamp Drive which commences Friday, February 2nd. Each Friday for the next six weeks we have pledged ourselves to aid the Food Industry's "Friday is Stamp Day" Drive. We'll be asking you to invest a quarter in Victory.

BUILDERS' HARDWARE STORES LTD. CARBON'S LEADING HARDWARE WM. F. ROSS, Manager

PHONE 3, CARBON, ALTA.

Good News to Readers

We have just received word of an increase in our quota of the "Toronto Star Weekly".

Keep the bullets flying— one War Savings Stamp will buy twelve rounds of .303 ammunition. You can buy your War Savings Stamps at our store during the "Friday is Stamp Day" Drive, starting next week.

SHAW'S DRUG STORE

R. J. SHAW, Phm. C. CARBON, Alberta

Curling Notes

The local curlers took advantage of the good curling weather last week, when the following games in the second Draw resulted as follows:

Monday
Atkinson beat Cannings

Tuesday
Bessant beat McIlbin

Wright beat Mackay

Wednesday
Pattison beat Solskis

Cannings beat VanWart

Thursday
Bessant beat Wright

Friday
Schielle beat Barber

Atkinson beat Poxon

Claudette Colbert, Paulette Goddard and Veronica Lake, in "So Proudly We Hail", are heroes first, but women always over-ride first. Avail yourselves of the opportunity of seeing the picture that pulls no punches in telling the first great story of the war. It is a picture at the fighting front, showing at the Carbon Scout Hall tonight (Thursday) at 8:15.

Remember the RED CROSS

PICTURE SHOWS

at the
Carbon Scout Hall
Every Thursday 8:15 p.m.

THIS WEEK:
"So Proudly
We Hail"

NEXT WEEK:
"Bachelor
Mother"

The "K" SHOWS
CALGARY

Alberta Wheat Pool Shows Free Pictures

A well attended meeting in support of the Alberta Wheat Pool was held at the Scout Hall, Carbon, on Tuesday, January 23rd. Mr. J. Atkinson was in the chair. About 120 attended, and the meeting was addressed by Mr. E. H. VanWart of Grainer, delegate to the War Emergency Conference. Included in his address was his report of the Annual Meeting of the Wheat Pool. Mr. F. J. Pennington, Field Service Department, spoke. He was very constructional, and educational address on matters connected with the Wheat Pool.

Four panels of pictures were shown and much appreciated by the audience.

A resolution was passed to the effect that the meeting was definitely opposed to the proposal to levy Income Tax on surplus wheat. The resolution was carried, and the meeting felt that these belong to the producers and should be returned to them without any deductions. —contributed

Hesketh Red Cross Holds Annual Meeting

(Too late for last week.)

The Hesketh Red Cross Branch held its Annual Meeting on January 19th. The financial report showed that the total receipts for 1944 totalled \$15,27. Contributions to Queen's Bombed Victims Fund, Chinese Fund and Milk for British Fund; also cigarettes and tobacco, were all received as well as sewing and knitting materials purchased from Divisional Office, amounted to \$750.80.

The slate of officers for 1945 was elected as follows: President—H. G. Gilman; Vice-President—Mrs. H. Edmundson; Sec. President—Mrs. A. Church; Sec. Treasurer—Conve-ners—Sewing and knitting; Mrs. H. G. Gilman and Mrs. K. Everett; Financial, Mrs. E. Andrews; Publicity, Mrs. G. MacLean; Social, Mrs. D. M. McKellar.

This group is made up of only 23 members, and has all the right in the world to be proud of its achievement.

Severe Drought In Australia

Australia is suffering from one of the worst droughts in the recorded history. One of the lowest wheat yields on record, which will not much more than meet the requirements of the Australian people; livestock are suffering from lack of pasture; dust storms flying across the country, with the necessity of closing roads and travel; the blizzards are getting out of control; the fear that unless generous rains soon appear there will be no moisture reserves for the forthcoming crops and the necessities of the people. Armed Forces in the Pacific import wheat and other foodstuffs from the United States instead of drawing on their supplies. Relief Committees have been set up.

We on these prairies are only too painfully familiar with these phenomena. We have experienced through the alternating conditions in Western Canada will certainly extend their overwhelming sympathy to our brothers in Australia at this time of distress. Remember the generous help that poured into our stricken drought areas from farmers and city people of all our provinces. We would like to speak for all our Prairie farmers, saying that we would certainly like to send to Australia some tangible recognition of our sympathy if shipping could be made available.

CROP VALUE HITS RECORD

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports the gross value of the principal field crops produced on Canadian farms in 1944 is estimated at \$1,319,000,000, a record.

The 1944 production was valued at \$185,000,000 above the 1943 estimate. It was almost double the 1939 value of \$685,500,000.



BANK OF MONTREAL
"working with Canadians in every walk of life since 1817"

Carbon Branch: D. R. MACKAY, Manager



The Value Of Freedom

TWICE IN TWENTY YEARS we have been called upon to fight for the principles of government, and the way of life in which we believe. The cost in sacrifice and suffering in the war from 1914 to 1918 was very great. This time it is even greater and the price has not yet been fully paid. This time, we have given up more than ever before to bring victory to an enemy who, in his desire to destroy all moral and spiritual values, is governed by regeneration. There have been periods during the past 6 years when the prospects of our winning the war were far from certain. During these years the people of most of the democratic countries in Europe have had to give up a great deal to maintain their freedom. This time, we have had to give up a new awakening to the great value of our freedom, and we need to take a much more active interest in both national and international affairs, if we are not to be again, and perhaps even more seriously, threatened in the future.

News Reforms Are Proposed

The provision for post-war freedom among people as was laid down by Prime Minister Churchill and President Roosevelt in the Atlantic Charter would unfortunately go far towards removing the causes of another war. This time there is no suggestion for a full promotion of understanding and co-operation among nations. Among the proposals is the proposal made last year at a convention of newspaper editors in Washington, for a plan for the free exchange of news in time of peace. This proposal has received support in many quarters, and Senator W. H. Hearst, the president of the Columbia Pictures, has suggested that a "declaration of the news clause" be included in the peace treaty. For many years, the press on this continent and in Great Britain, has been completely free of any government interference or control. In Europe, however, a vastly different situation has existed, and government controlled news services had much to do with increasing the mounting tension and distrust which led to the present war.

Might Avoid Further War
If such conditions are allowed to continue after the war, there is bound to result, for government-controlled news services, a situation not only of their own people but of the world at large. A ample demonstration of the system has been seen in the workings of the German, Japanese, and Italian official news services in the years before the outbreak of war, as well as at the present time. The German news service, for example, is obviously most desirable that the press of Europe should enjoy the same type of news service as do those in the English-speaking countries. If provision for such service should be included in the peace treaty, it might prove an important step in avoiding further wars. However, in this, as in many other things, there will first have to be interest and enthusiasm for the proposed reform among the people to be affected by it.

Saves Many Lives

Noted Canadian Doctor Speaks In Field
A vastly increased number of life has been given to Canadian servicemen wounded at the front through the extensive use of the new infection-killing drugs, such as penicillin, and through blood plasma, a new type of treatment, which was in command of a 1,200-bed Canadian base hospital in England, said He is Col. D. A. Warren, MC, who returned to his Toronto home after serving overseas since September 1942.

While the basic treatment of the wounded in the hospitals in Great Britain was similar to that used during the Great War, the men were "in much better shape" when they arrived now at the base hospitals from the field dressing stations. The tremendous numbers of men have been saved through more efficient treatment and the use of the new drugs and plasma when the men are first treated on the field," he said.

HELP FROM MEXICO
The service authorized Mexican troops to send Mexican troops to the battle fronts whenever in whatever way he deemed and visible to contribute to the victory of the Allied nations.



To relieve distress of MONTHLY Female Weakness
Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is made especially for women. It relieves all forms of monthly weakness, nervous, tired, irritable feelings, and other nervous disturbances. Pinkham's Compound is the only vegetable compound of medicine to buy. Follow label directions. Lydia E. Pinkham's VEGGIE COMPOUND.

Price Control And Rationing Information

Q.—Will you kindly list the ration coupons dates for the month of January?

A.—Sugar: January 16-19 valid January 16-19. Butter: Coupons 90-91 now valid, 92 valid January 11, 93 valid January 18. Jam, marmalade, Preserves: Coupons 33-36 now valid January 18. No new date announced on any of these coupons.

Q.—Does the lifting of a Board Order restricting the manufacture of a particular item mean that it can be produced again?

A.—No. If there is not sufficient demand for the item, even though it is possible to get the article manufactured. —

Q.—My youngster's shoes have not worn any too well and I'd like to have them resoled. Can you advise me where to go to have them resoled?

A.—If you have already taken the shoes back to the retailer and he hasn't been able to give you satisfaction, you can take them back to the Trade Board. However, I've looked inside the shoe and there isn't any reason to tell me that you can't resole them. It has been a real experience and that the experience will be a help to him when he finally resumes his manufacturing career. —

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WORLD HAPPENINGS
BRIEFLY TOLD

The first election for the Finnish parliament since the end of the war will be held next March 17 and 18.

The Office of Civilian Defence at Washington, has issued instructions for defence against robot bomb and rocket bomb attacks.

Miss Lucy Chittenden has been a competitor for a Kent bus company since 1918 and has never been absent from duty.

Dr Cyril James, principal and vice-chancellor of McGill University, announced that academic recognition will be given by the University for service overseas.

Queen Mary and the Princess Royal took their own shopping bags paper and string when they did their Christmas shopping at Bath, England.

A small scale working model of the Canadian capital designed from plans has been presented to the King by the Czechoslovak ambassador and Czech at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Crytal palace, glass-domed auditorium in South London which was destroyed by fire several years ago, will be rebuilt at a cost of approximately \$450,000.

The London, Midland and Scottish Railway ran 17 special trains to carry more than 100,000 bags of prisoners-of-war parcels to a port for shipment.

The King has approved a baronetcy of the United Kingdom for Sir Frank Newland-South, from the office of Lord Mayor of London.

Enjoy Their Work

Woman Barbers Doing Fine Job On Canals In Britain

Britain has a vast network of canals which are playing an important part in solving wartime transport difficulties. British government officials in charge of this form of transport recently added women to the payroll.

Bronzed, athletic girls are acting as steers, mates and crew of canal craft and they have enthusiastically responded to a hard manual job despite its rigours and restrictions. Six women's crews have taken over boats so far, and the British ministry of war transport has called for more volunteers to help maintain Britain's inland transport system.

The long slim open boats pass along the lock-studded inland canals in pairs, each manned by a crew of six. Each crew is paid £10 a week for the 140-mile stretch of the Grand Union canal moves 25 tons of war material from London to the industrial Midlands. The trips take a week each way, and for the women barbers, it is hard work with a let-up, 12 hours a day, seven days a week.

The wartime transport girls are enthusiastic about the welcome they receive from the permanent canal community. "The canal folk are grand," one of the girls said. "We'll be sorry to say good-bye to them when peace comes and our boating days are over."

REMOVED CARGO

Work of removing cargo from a freighter aground in Saint John harbor since October 24 will be completed within the month, March officials said. Attempts to salvage the vessel must await removal of the cargo.

The spring at Bath, England, was the centre of a Roman resort city developed during the first four centuries A.D.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

Best Amateur Billiardist



Whether on the bumpered tables of the Canadian Pacific, railway dining cars in which he runs as steward or on green-baize topped billiard tables, Harry Revoy, of Winnipeg, is an acknowledged master. Regarded as the best billiardist in Canadian amateur circles, ten times holder of the Manitoba and British Columbia titles, Harry recently broke into sports-page news in the Canadian capital for his record-breaking. In the first place he rolled in a score of 1,000 points in the amateur world's span of two hours and 35 minutes, averaging 71.6 points for 14 visits to the table. In the second place he scored one stupendous break of 198 points, and on two other occasions passed the 100-mark, scoring 130 and 111.

Clever Refugees

Netherlands Bid Successively From Nazis For Over A Year

In a straw hut in the centre of a pine forest, somewhere in Holland, a vast band of Netherlands hid successively from the German conquerors of their country for more than a year.

German soldiers sometimes passed within a few feet of their camp, but the refugees never took any hostile action in the compound of their camp. In the last few days before the liberation of this part of Holland, they saluted to the German officers who passed by.

A young civil servant, one of the founders of the camp, guided them through mud-choked back yards and winding paths to the hut in the pine trees. It was a simple hut like a hut a woodman might use to store his tools.

Inside it proved to be large, comfortable with three wings.

"Here I cooked," said the young Hollander as he pointed to the rusted stove and tables. Another wing was a dormitory with 21 beds of rough pine wood. All the furniture was hand made by the men.

The third wing was a lounge, furnished with rustic furniture men in hiding had made themselves.

On the outside of the hut was another smaller hut. This was the prison where eight pro-Nazi Netherlands were kept prisoner.

One, two at a time, had been sent to the prison to be interrogated. They didn't even know where they were until the day of liberation when they were handed over to the Netherlands military authorities.

The story of the camp in the pines is a story full of gaps that cannot yet be completed. All that can be told about these men is that they did, chiefly, escape the Gestapo, or to escape being sent as slave laborers into Germany.

Their daily life was a fight not only to remain hidden, but to keep their hands from freezing.

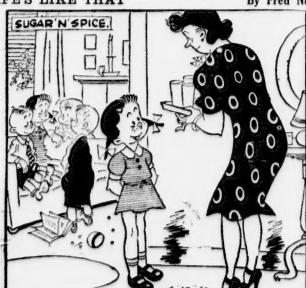
On a spindly field screened by trees they held sports meets. Every man stood guard duty, two hours on, four off.

They had a radio which was perhaps a mile from the nearest provided to refugees for food and equipment.

Power for the radio and the field telephone was supplied by a dynamo operated by a static bicycle which the prisoners pedaled in shifts.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly.

By Fred Neher



"Well, take me on a tour of the house, so I can go home and tell my mother all about it."

Loyal To Britain

Ulster Gave Vital Protection To Convoy After France Fell

In an address to Toronto Sir Ernest Cooper said, but for the loyalty of Northern Ireland, Britain "would have been lost" in the war and "slavery and death." Sir Ernest Cooper cited Winston Churchill as having written in 1943. Speaking to the Empire Club in Toronto on "The Strategic Position of the United Kingdom," Sir Ernest, who was recently industrial adviser to the Government of Northern Ireland, said, "When France fell in 1940 it was the Ulstermen who took the ports of the southern and eastern coasts of the United Kingdom were almost unbroken. The Mersey and the Clyde had their troubles, but they were the two entrances to the British Isles on which we were dependent."

"The protection of convoys coming to those two ports was a vital matter, and Ulster is situated opposite the port of Mersey which was damaged in 1940 with the unbroken channel in mid-Atlantic, not reached by air patrols from either side. Without the bases of Ulster that channel would have been 200 miles wider than it was."

Sir Ernest said that from the fall of France up to D-Day every Canadian sailor and every soldier from the United States were entered into British battle came under the protection of Ulster.

He emphasized that the strategic position of Northern Ireland is so important that the British political position admits of no compromise, and it should be a fixed policy in Empire councils that there be no gambling with her ports."

He said that certain factors must be taken into account in the division of land as an utility arrangement, and world, perhaps, use the traditional British policy of not being afraid to offend other nations by taking up.

Sir Ernest said that should the attempt be made, "I hope Canada will exercise its influence. Of three avenues to the east from America, the shortest is through the United States economist-columist, Ulster was more important than Gibralter, and he said, "It is to the deck."

FOUNDED MOTHER'S DAY

Anne Jarvis, 88-year-old founder of Mother's Day, is almost blind and practically penniless. A \$700,000 estate left by her brother, Claude S. Jarvis, in 1918 had been dissipated by poor administration. Mrs. Jarvis founded Mother's Day in 1908 as a tribute to her mother.

The word grenade was the French word for pomegranate, because of a resemblance in shape to the fruit.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: At neither time. Foxes never travel in packs.

REG'LAR FELLERS—Publicity Man



Enjoying Winter

Convoy After France Fell

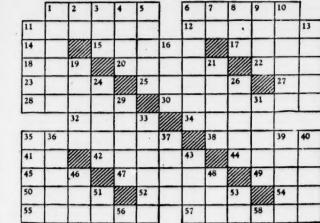


A New Fibre

Is Said To Be The Strongest In The World

A new synthetic "portian" is manufactured by British Celanese, Limited, England, is claimed to be the strongest in the world. Its many wartime uses include parachute canopies and cords for holding supplies in place. It is extremely thin, has immense strength and additional thinness. Portian fibre has very high insulating properties, so that it is especially good for covering electrical wires. Fabrics made from it three weigh only 0.85 ounces per square yard.

The practice of inhaling snuff became common in England during the 17th century.

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Tragic Details

Sinking Of Hospital Ship Amsterdam Off Cherbourg

The Wars Office in announcing 10 decorations disclosed many tragic details of the sinking of the 1,200-ton hospital ship Amsterdam off Cherbourg last August 7, although survivors were maintained on the loss of life.

A former passenger steamer, loaded with British troops, en route of their return from shell-shocked, the Amsterdam was torpedoed by a German submarine and sank in 14 minutes after breaking in two.

Convoy permitted a London newspaper to disclose the true fact of the sinking November 21, but no announcement of full details has yet come from official quarters.

According to the report displayed by an official three of them missed and four men of the ranks, all British, disclosed that the torpedo hit the stern of the ship. Some patients in a ward under the afterdeck were killed by the explosion. Others drowned.

The order of the British Empire was awarded to Lieut. Oliver Gray of Glasgow who was in charge of the ward which was sliced in half when the vessel parted.

"He did not leave the ward until all living patients had gone," the report said, while the officer was standing on the horizontal starboard side trying to rescue a nurse through a portion of the lower deck where she was trapped.

Three nurses instead of taking positions in lifeboats remained aboard the stricken vessel, evacuating the seriously wounded until the ship sank and they were sent to a hospital ship. One was the Miss Lily McNicholas, who could not swim and was foundering about in the water until rescued by a U.S. Navy gunboat. The other two nurses were awarded the British Empire Medal. One, a sergeant, Allister Mitchell, was blown out when he entered the wrecked ward and began carrying patients to the deck.

ANTONY IS POSSIBLE

The Japanese bombing is said to enable a marksman to drop a bomb into a pickle-barrel from 10,000 feet. That's only fair shooting, but after a little practice we suppose he can dip into a pickle at 20,000 feet, says the Ottawa Citizen.

BY GENE BYRNE



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ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ROYAL NAVY

Proudest of Them Was the Defeat of The German Naval Power

The Royal Navy, in a year-end review, has as its proudest achievement in 1944 the virtual defeat of Germany as a naval power and the shepherding of the western front invasion force.

Now, it has disclosed, Britain is assembling two mighty fleets with greatly reinforced carrier strength to fight alongside the Americans in dealing knockout blows to the Japanese in the Pacific in 1945.

The official approved year-end review of the Navy's activities said:

"As the year 1944 ends, interest in the war at sea moves from the west to the areas of the Pacific and Indian Oceans, where Britain is assembling two mighty fleets to fight beside our American Allies against Japan."

These two navies are to be led under Admirals Sir Bruce Fraser and the fleet of the East Indies station under Vice Admiral Sir Arthur Powneys. The latter's job will be to push the Japanese out the way out of the Indian Ocean and get back its old base—Singapore.

Admiral Fraser's fleet—packed with carriers—will operate under American command.

The review said: "Admiral Fraser, commander-in-chief of British Naval Forces in the Pacific, 'is in full accord with the American strategy of using a large carrier force to support our forces so it can be assumed that the British carrier fleet will be the strongest that can be assembled there.'

In addition to defeat of Germany as a naval power, the Royal Navy's achievements in 1944, which is a possible turning point to the Pacific if the war is to be won, were listed as:

A series of successful operations in which fewer British battleships were sunk by enemy than in any previous year of the war; not a single battleship or aircraft carrier was lost.

Acknowledging by the end of March, 1944, that the Atlantic U-boat warfare was a failure and withdrawal of all but a few U-boats from the North Atlantic.

British submarine during the year sank 400 enemy ships in addition to 23 warships.

Light coastal forces won a complete victory in the battle of the English Channel which was fought in the winter—a victory as important to success of the invasion as the winning of the Battle of the Atlantic was to the war as a whole."

Up to the end of September, 1944, the Navy had moved 10,000 British Army personnel by sea with a loss of 2,978 lives, representing .002 per cent of the total.

Sun Is Helping

No Longer A Hazard To Airmen Downed At Sea

Allied "Know-How" has harnessed the sun to help fight the Axis.

Airmen downed at sea now turn water into drinking water with Solar Stills. The still is a flat, 30-inch envelope packed into life rafts.

The still is a black cellulose envelope until it forms a tube 12 inches in diameter, puts two quartz of seawater in it and ties it to the side of the raft. Sun rays evaporate the sea water, the resulting vapor condenses and the vapor condenses as drinking water into a small reservoir.

That's how the sun, long considered one of the greatest hazards to downed airmen, has been converted into one of their most important means of survival.

War's Effect

How The People Of Britain Have Met The War Conditions

The people of Great Britain have reduced their over-all consumption by 21 per cent. They now spend only 54 per cent. of their income taxes and savings take the rest.

Civilian consumption of butter, margarine and cheese is down by 14 per cent., of fresh meat, bacon and ham by 24 per cent., of fruit and fruit juice by 16 per cent. Civilian consumption of clothing is down by 45 per cent., of beds and shoes by 27 per cent., of furniture by 77 per cent.

The average passenger train carries nine passengers for every two the day before the war. In the whole country has been damaged, one in 30 destroyed or made uninhabitable.

There is no practical difference in the warmth of cotton or silk hosiery when they are the same knit and thickness.

Londoners use 6 tons of nuts, 354,000 bananas, and 19,500 eggs annually in normal times.



Shan girls stop work long enough to smile happily at the coming of Allied troops at a point deep in Burma. It is in this sector that the Tenth Air Force of the eastern air command is operating.

Ancient Footprints

Prehistoric Animals Leave Records Made Millions Of Years Ago

Footprints spur the imagination. Do you remember reading with excitement about that footprint in the sand found by Robinson Crusoe? A footprint in the sand may help you to detect a murderer, mystery to the student of fossils it has different significance.

The Royal Ontario Museum there are thousands of tracks preserved in rock of animals that lived millions of years ago. On exhibit at present are footprints made by two animals, thought to be amphibians, found in the limestone of a swamp near Parrsboro, Nova Scotia, 200,000,000 years ago.

At that remote time in history the amphibians (represented by footprints) were the dominant animals among the highest forms of animal life.

These creatures lived near the swampy border of a shallow sea. Their footprints were left in ripple-marked limestone.

The sea beat down upon the beach and baked the imprints, thus fixing them. Again and again the returning tides spread layers of sand over the imprints preserving them for posterity.

FLINDERS' INDEMNITY

A detailed armistice agreement by which the British paid Russia \$300,000,000 in reparation for war damages was signed in Helsinki on Dec. 17, the Moscow radio said. The deliveries are to be carried out within six years in installments of \$50,000,000, said the broad-

cast. China, Japan and Germany are all claimants to the honor of introducing mankind to the world.

Buy War Savings Stamps regularly

Carbon Monoxide

Warning To Motorists Of The Danger From Poisonous Gas

In their current memorandum to industrialists, the Industrial Accident Prevention Associations have a timely article containing valuable information on the danger of carbon monoxide. Desiring to bring to the attention of drivers of motor vehicles that carbon monoxide is responsible for many highway tragedies, the associations recommend the following preventive measures:

1. See that there is reasonable ventilation in the garage.

2. Do not permit the engine to run in a closed garage. If it is necessary to run the engine in the garage, see that doors and windows are open.

3. Have the carburetor and motor checked to eliminate perfectly complete combustion of your fuel.

4. Inspect all cars and trucks regularly for leaky exhaust connections, loose or faulty floor boards and defective floor coverings, exhaust pipes and mufflers.

5. Instruct drivers to get off of their vehicles and into fresh air at the first sign of headache, smothering eyes, dizziness, sickness or drowsiness.

6. See that the exhaust pipe discharge beyond the rear end.

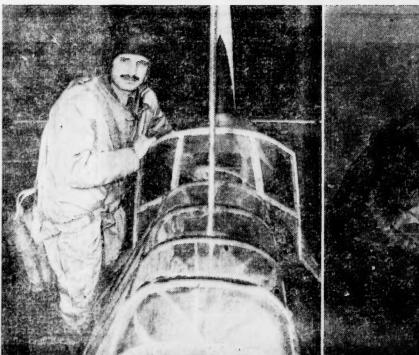
7. See that there is reasonable ventilation in your own car and do not let the car blow clean air windows and vents. Instruct your drivers to take the same precautions.

IT HAS MANY USES

In many countries, the dried roots of dandelions are used as a substitute for coffee. The leaves of this plant make a fine salad, and its young sprouts are valuable in soups.

The crocodile is distinguished from the alligator by two teeth protruding when the jaws are closed.

R.C.A.F. Anti-Blackout Suit And Its Inventor



—R.C.A.F. Photos

Wing Commander W. R. Franks, C.B.E., D.F.C., D.S.O., D.F.M., Inventor of the R.C.A.F. anti-blackout flying suit which eliminates "blackout" in high speed flying, is shown here climbing into an R.C.A.F. aircraft. The suit is the result of his experiments with the early flying tests which resulted in the suit's development. In the experimental stages, Wing Commander Franks tried each possible way to get the blood to the brain. At right, J. A. Carr, engineer at Clinical Investigation Unit shows a cut-away view of the way in which the Franks anti-blackout suit is worn. The suit is a one-piece garment which encloses the body contours in sitting position. In use, columns of gas or liquid contained in the rubber lining exert compensating pressure which permits normal blood circulation to the pilot's brain.

Does Heroic Work

Canadian Frigate Rescued Men From Sinking Caisson Off France

The story of the rescue of eight British navy and army men by the crew of the Canadian frigate Swanses from a sinking Caisson of one of the pre-fabricated ports erected on the French coast after D-Day has been revealed.

The great concrete Caisson was ordered to be built by the Normandy to form part of a harbor, the navy said in a press release.

Swanses, in command of Cmdr. A. L. Layard, began rescue operations in the harbor of Honfleur which made part the building Caisson, but lines shot by cotton gun each time were caught by the wind and dropped into the sea.

With the eight men huddled on ledge and the Caisson wallowing deeper in the water, Swanses decided to make a try with her sea boat. The whaler was lowered under command of Lt. Cdr. G. H. R. H. H. John, John T. Band of Toronto, acting captain of the ship, with a six-man boat's crew, but his attempt was unsuccessful.

A second attempt was made to get the men off the Caisson before the sea boat could pick up the boat. It took another hour of cautious edging through the sea before, coming to the Caisson, the frigate began to haul the men to safety.

The boat had been out nearly two hours before Swanses came alongside and picked it up.

Other members of the boat's crew were Petty Officer George Ardy, London Ont.; Leading Seaman John Berryman, London, Ont.; LS. Stanley Millions, South Porcupine, Ont. and Able Seaman Arthur Covert, London, Ont.

Wonder Drug

British's Supremacy In The Use Of Penicillin Saves Many Lives

British's supremacy over Germany in surgical skill, particularly in British hospitals, is due to the use of penicillin, which was discovered by the British scientists Florey and Fleming, and has since been developed by British scientists.

While the British pound is quoted at 10s. 6d. for the purchase of penicillin, the cost in the U.S. is \$1.00 a gram. Cross winner, Pte. Ernest (Smoky) Smith of New Westminster, B.C., has become the first Canadian to receive the British Order of the British Empire for his gratuity that goes with the award paid by the Canadian government.

Previously Canadian V.C.'s were paid by the British government but then undertook the payment through an agreement signed in June, 1943.

Brig. James Melville, chairman of the Canadian pensions commission, has been awarded the Order of the British Empire for his services to the rest of his life. On March 31 and Sept. 30 of each year, he would receive a government cheque for \$25.

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Two thousand, seven hundred and twenty genuine abdominal wounds caused by shrapnel were treated during that period by British and Canadian forward garrisons.

Only 10 per cent. of these were fatal, the mortality rate at 72 per cent., or three out of every four soldiers. Such figures have never before been produced.

One case quoted was that of a soldier who had been shot through the body by machine gun bullets at 100-yards range. The English doctors did not operate on him, but gave him pain-killing, bulky beef and biscuits. He was back on duty within six weeks.

ALTER FIFTY YEARS

For 50 years Billenden district court in Leicestershire, England, used to be the scene of a court of inquiry to determine the cause of death of persons in the military. The court was discontinued in 1945 because the inquiry was no longer required.

Billenden opened in 1915 and closed in 1945.

Chief Constable Joseph R. Croker, refusing to divulge the couple's name, said: "The husband knew absolutely nothing about his wife's illness and the police were asked to investigate in the hope that she had kept her husband in a state of ignorance.

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Definition of a Cow

The cow is a mammal. It has six sides, right, left, upper and lower, and a tail, on which hangs a brush. With this it sends the flies away so that they do not fall into the milk. The head is for the purpose of growing horns and the mouth can be somewhere. The horns are to butt with, and the mouth is to moo with.

Under the cow hangs the milk. It is drank by men and people alike, the milk comes and there is never an end to the supply. How the cow does it, I have not yet realized, but it makes more and more.

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